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George Glasier Pinon Ridge Mining, LLC 31161 Highway 90 PO Box 825 Nucla, Colorado 81424

Subject: Approval of Notice of Extended Suspension, Pinon Ridge Mining LLC, Sage Mine,

S/037/0058, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Glasier:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) approves the notice of extended suspension received October 6, 2016. The period of suspended mining activity is expected to exceed five years.

On March 24, 2014, the Division received from the then-operator, Energy Fuels Resources, USA (EFR), an Interim Management Plan (IMP) addressed to the Bureau of Land Management Monticello Field Office (copy enclosed). The transfer of the Notice of Intention from EFR to Pinon Ridge was finalized on September 8, 2014. Since the permit transfer included all amendments and appendices, the IMP is the responsibility of Pinon Ridge Mining LLC to fulfill.

Under Rule R647-3-113, the Division considers the IMP "...such data as it may require to evaluate the status of compliance with these rules..." and has reviewed it and finds it complete for its applicability to this request for extension. The site must be maintained in compliance with the IMP, the operation practice rules in R647-7, and any other appropriate rules. The Division will conduct periodic inspections to ensure compliance.

As required by rule R647-3-113.5, the Division will require complete reclamation of the mine site when the suspension period exceeds 10 years, unless Pinon Ridge appeals to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining prior to the expiration of the 10-year period and shows good cause for a longer suspension period.



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The reclamation surety currently held for reclamation of the Sage mine is \$30,900.00 for five acres of disturbance. The surety is scheduled for re-evaluation on August 15, 2019.

The approval or acceptance of this notification does not relieve Pinon Ridge from its responsibility to comply with the applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and ordinances of all local, state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over any aspect of the mining operations.

Please notify the Division within 30 days of a resumption of mining operations and keep the Division informed of activities at the mine through timely submittal of annual reports. Please contact Mike Bradley at 801-538-5332 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: Copy of accepted IMP

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